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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed Japanese patent documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent application number 8-305034 is discussed on page 1-3 of the subject specification and correspond to U.S. Patent No. 5,838,426.


Japanese patent application number 2001-085292 is discussed on page 2 and 3 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,614,503.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		US-5,838,426	11/17/1998	Shinonaga et al.	355	52	
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		8-305034	11/22/1996	Japan			Abstract
		2001-85292	03/30/2001	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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